

MINUTES

of the

Sixty-Fourth Session

of the

Cherokee County

Baptist Association

Held With

Wisgah Baptist Church, Cherokee
County, Alabama,

OCT. 2 TO 4, 1897.

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ERRATUM.

The following mistakes occurred in writing and printing :

On page 3 the initials of J. T. Davis should be "J. I."


On page 4 it should read "On Deceased Ministers," instead of Deacons and Ministers. On the same page the initials should be "L. A." instead of L. L. McCarley.

On fourth page the word "until" should have been inserted before "tomorrow at 11 o'clock a. m."

On page 6 "is" should be substituted for "in," in the fifth paragraph of Temperance Report.

On page 9 the name of R. T. Mission is incorrect and should be R. T. Ewing.

In list of Ordained Ministers the name of H. J. Joswick should be "Goswick."



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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

ORGANIC.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Recess.
3. Call to order, singing and prayer.
4. Call for letters of churches by districts.
5. Read letters and record delegates' names.
6. Elect Moderator and Clerk.

REGULAR ORDER—NEW ORGANIZATION.

1. Invite visiting brethren and welcome them.
2. Call for petitionary letters.
3. Call for correspondents and appoint the same.
4. Appoint committees to report at this session.
5. Name home for friends.
6. Adjourn for Christian Sabbath.

THIRD DAY.

1. Call to order, prayer, renew call for correspondents.
2. Call roll of churches and correct errors.
3. Read Constitution, Abstract of Principles and Decorum.
4. Call for reports of Standing Committees.
5. Appoint Standing Committees.
6. Appoint time and place for next session.
7. Miscellaneous business.
8. Attend to corresponding letter.
9. Hear resolutions.
10. Read and correct the Minutes and adjourn to time and place appointed.

MINUTES.

GNATVILLE, ALA., October 2nd, 1897.

The Cherokee County Baptist Association met this day with the Pishgah Baptist church and after devotional exercises, conducted by Elder J. T. Bartlett, was called to order by Elder J. C. Holden, Moderator of the previous meeting.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. T. Bartlett from Text: "And I Say Unto Thee, that Thou Art Peter, and Upon this Rock I Will Build my Church; and the Gates of Hell Shall Not Prevail against it."—Mathew 16-18.

After services the Association adjourned to 1:30 p. m.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association reassembled and was led in prayer by A. E. Burns, of Huntsville.

The roll of the churches was called and the following delegates enrolled:

FIRST DISTRICT.

Nazereth—Anthur Ashburn, J. L. Gann.
Bethel—E. H. Lindsey, A. C. Lindsey, Elder H. W. Roberts.
Sandy Creek—L. A. McCarley, J. D. Holtzclaw, J. H. Wood,
Pilgrim's Rest—H. V. Shaw, W. P. Baker, A. D. Wilson, Elder J. R. Trotter.
Rock Run—David Spriggs, T. W. Summerhill, Elders A. Pope, W. H. Stephens.
Liberty—E. J. Webb, J. D. Casey, G. D. Hanks.
Philadelphia—R. B. Pinson, J. T. White.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Friendship—J. K. Neyman, J. B. Lewis, J. T. Popham.
Providence—Elder Thomas Blair, Thomas Gadsby.
Pine Grove—George Keener, J. W. Gentry, L. L. Angle, Elder W. W. Grogan.
Chalcedonia—W. T. Lassater, J. T. Davis, J. T. Hopper, Elder W. W. Singleton.
Mt. Zion—W. G. Hester, J. M. Richardson, J. A. Ellis.
Mt. Carmel—W. E. Campbell, J. D. Green.
New Bethel—J. J. Lambert, R. E. Dyke, W. C. Williams, Elder J. M. Smith.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Centre—W. V. Monroe, W. F. Cromer, J. W. Whorton.
Melrose—J. W. Wester, J. Plunket, Elder W. H. Moon.
Pleasant Valley—W. H. Wester, Thomas Angle.
Tate's Chapel—R. T. Ewing.
Friendship—J. A. Simms, Joel Bartlett, Elders J. T. Bartlett, I. N. Hale.

Unity—J. T. Robertson, Elder J. C. Holden.
Pishgah—J. C. Cobb, G. W. Lee, J. B. Collins.
The Moderator appointed A. E. Burns and W. Y. Adams as tellers to cast up the ballots for the officers of this Association.
The ballot as reported by the tellers, elected H. W. Roberts for Moderator and J. W. Whorton, Clerk.

The Moderator elect assumed the chair and in a few remarks thanked the body and declared the Association ready for business.

On motion the order of business heretofore used by this body was adopted as an order of business for this session.

Called for visiting brothers. . . . Called for petitionary letters.

Called for correspondents: W. Y. Adams and W. J. Nash reported as correspondents from Etowah Association.

H. T. Leath and T. W. Rinchart reported from Cedar Bluff Association and J. M. Ramsey from Cherokee Association.

On motion A. E. Burns was received as a representative from the State Board of Missions of the Alabama State Baptist Convention.

The Moderator then formally welcomed the above brethren, as correspondents, to seats with us.

The following committees were appointed to report at this session:

On Preaching—R. T. Ewing, J. M. Richardson, Deacons of Pisgah church.

On Deacons and Ministers—J. T. Davis, G. W. Hanks, J. W. Gentry.

On Finance—E. H. Lindsey, J. K. Neyman, W. V. Monroe, John Ellis.

On Documents—J. M. Smith, T. Blair, J. H. Wood.

On Nominations—L. L. McCarley, T. W. Summerhill, W. F. Cromer.

On motion it was ordered that the Association devote as much time as is convenient tomorrow in discussing Missions, Temperance, Sabbath Schools, etc., and that the discussion of missions be set for nine o'clock a. m., to 11 o'clock a. m., and that after the 11 o'clock services are over the discussion of Sabbath Schools be taken up.

The committee on preaching submitted a report arranging for preaching at the church and at Haney Academy at night.

The report was rejected and it was ordered that no preaching services be held tomorrow at 11 o'clock a. m.

On motion the Association adjourned to 9 o'clock tomorrow morning, after prayer led by W. Y. Adams.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association met at 9 o'clock and was called to order by the Moderator.

Bro. D. W. Thornton was received and welcomed as a correspondent from Cedar Bluff Association.

This hour having been set for hearing and discussing reports on Missions, the report on Foreign Missions was submitted by W. H. Stephens, Chairman.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions desire to report as follows:

We feel that the opportunities are great that lie out before us. Our God, by his word and providence commands us to go forward. We call upon our pastors, men whom God has honored in making teachers and leaders in Zion, to lead the hosts of Israel to greater conquests for the Master.

With grateful hearts for God's mercies and blessings in the past, let us all see to it that the next year shall be one in which the parting command of our Savior will be carried out by us as never before.

We need for each church and each member to realize that we are a part of God's life saving service. Souls are sinking in death to whom God sends us that they may be saved. Our churches are efficient, only as under God, we are saving the lost and helping souls to Heaven.

The great work of Christians is, to win this lost world to God. The powers of darkness are trying to hinder and stop this work. Satan cares nothing for fine sermons if only the leaders and the hosts of Israel are fast asleep, doing nothing in God's work.

No church can sleep while deeply interested in foreign missions. Any church fully alive to this great work can be depended on for other duties and obligations. Our great trouble in the past has been that so many churches have done nothing and while each one who loves God and souls can help to increase the interest.

The leaders must lead in the work, we need line upon line to train our people until all will gladly help. God loves this world for which he gave his Son and to which he called, not only Paul the greatest of all preachers, but to which he calls every one who loves him.

We should do more to send the Gospel of the love of God to the millions who are dying without Christ. God help us to hear his command, "Go ye into all the world, and in Spirit and in truth to pray as Christ taught us, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as in Heaven."

Let each give something to send the Gospel that the nations in darkness may know of our God and his love in Christ our Savior.

Alabama gave last year \$6,563.29 for the cause of Foreign Missions. Work done in China, Africa, Italy, Mexico, Brazil, Japan, and from all sources the amount paid out for Foreign Missions' work, \$125,681.99 and still there is a pressing need for more money to extend the work to the ends of the earth.

Brethren of the Cherokee County Association, let us do more in the future than we have in the past.

W. H. STEPHENS, Chairman.

The report was spoken to by W. H. Stephens, W. W. Singleton, W. H. Moon, J. T. Bartlett, W. V. Monroe, W. W. Grogan, A. E. Burns, J. W. Ramsey and H. T. Leath and then adopted.

The Missionary Sermon was preached at 11 o'clock by Elder J. M. Smith to a large and attentive audience. Text, Romans 1-16. "For it is the power of God." After the sermon a public collection was taken, amounting to \$10.24.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Wm. Wester, J. J. Lambert and W. P. Baker were granted leaves of absence to return home on account of sickness in the families.

Called for report on Sabbath Schools.

The committee had no report prepared and the Association engaged, for a short time, in a general discussion of the Sunday School question.

The question was, profitably, debated by W. W. Singleton, J. W. Ramsey, A. Pope and W. H. Stephens.

J. M. Smith read his

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Home Missions ask to report as follows:

How shall we best promote and speed the triumph of our Prince—the Prince of Peace?

As we prayerfully search for an answer to this question may we not stimulate our faith by contemplating some of the recent reports on the achievements of Christianity.

Some poor pessimist recently asked: "Is Christianity dying out in the United States?"

He was answered thusly in one of our leading Journal's: According to the census of 1890 there were 20,618,307 communicants in the United States and up to July, 1896, the total had increased to 24,646,584. A gain of 4,028,277 in five years and seven months. During the same time there was a gain of 23,075 churches, and 21,646 ministers.

These figures do not fully represent the gain in new members, because the 1,500,000 lost by death had first to be made up before a net increase could be shown.

The value in church property in 1892 was about \$680,000,000, now it is thought to be fully 800 millions,

Great and powerful, therefore, as are the forces antagonizing Christianity and dark as the outlook sometimes seems to be, it is still true that the forces at the command of our religion were never before as potent and efficient as now, and that never were so many Christians ready to lay down their lives for Christ as now.

Let us rise from the contemplation of these statistics with more grateful hearts. Yet the question still recurs—"How shall we best promote and speed the triumphs of our Prince?"

We had 411 at work under our Home Mission Board last year. They received a salary of \$138 each. Your Committee believes that we should do more for this work. More money could be raised and should be.

To accomplish the one great improvement we earnestly recommend that every church be organized into some system by which every member will have an incentive and opportunity to make contributions to missions, at least once a month. We feel that such a method adopted by our churches would greatly increase our Home Missions' fund. We believe that the support of Missions is practical Christianity. Faith without works is dead.

J. M. SMITH, Chairman.

The report was adopted after being discussed by J. M. Smith and J. W. Ramsey.

H. W. Roberts read his

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance submit the following:

It has been the custom of Baptist Associations for many years to make reports on Temperance, which, being so much alike have become stale and unprofitable.

The pulpit has been called upon to thunder its denunciations against the demon of intemperance. The church is to pursue it to the death, and parents, to instill into the minds of their children the great principles of sobriety.

To all this we say, Amen!

That Intemperance is an evil no Christian will deny; that the sale of intoxicating spirits in an abominable traffic is the sentiment of every God-loving and God-fearing man, as well as every lover of law and order.

"Whosoever is deceived by this evil is not wise," is the solemn declaration of God's word. The cause of temperance has its origin in God, but the solution is in man, hence the necessity of unity in action.

We regard the cause of absolute temperance as an exponent of (1) a Christian character, (2) a physical, intellectual, moral and spiritual manhood, (3) a peaceful and Godly home, (4) righteous laws, (5) a Christ-like church membership.

These things being in accordance with God's word, we recommend that churches look well to the discipline of the members who drink spirituous liquors as a beverage. We further recommend that this Association take a decided stand and in every way aid in driving the evil from our land. Respectfully Submitted,

H. W. ROBERTS, Chairman.

A warm and interesting discussion was brought out by this report, engaged in by H. W. Roberts, W. F. Cromer, W. H. Moon, A. E. Burns, W. V. Monroe, J. A. Sims, W. W. Grogan, R. B. Pinson and W. W. Singleton. The report was adopted.

The Association joined W. F. Cromer in prayer and then adjourned to 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association convened with the Moderator in the chair. The Moderator read a portion of scripture, after which prayer was led by W. W. Grogan.

Thomas Blair presented his report on revivals, which read as follows:

Your Committee begs to report on revivals—1st. We are on higher planes of Christianity than we were one year ago, or for several years.

This we know—1st. From the letters that come up from the churches that many souls have been saved, a greater number than has been reported for several years past.

For which we should all rejoice.

2. By our own experience, we meet more people talking about the goodness of God and the mercies of Him and His manifestation to them than has been, we would say, for ten years.

Now, Brethren, this being the truth let us go on in this perfect work, that we may come up next year with a greater report for the Master. Respectfully Submitted,

T. BLAIR, Chairman.

The report was, profitably, discussed by T. Blair and then adopted. W. V. Monroe read his

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We believe that interest in education is on the increase in the bounds of our Association. The great hindrance is the lack of means. We realize the great necessity for an educated ministry. The Christian system depends upon a proper understanding of the scriptures and as the scriptures are written in language it is necessary in order to properly understand them to understand the language. God does not reveal the meaning of language by a direct operation of his spirit, but he reveals it through the agencies he has given us, which agencies consists in our ability to learn and receive instruction through teachers. As no other means appear so well adapted to this purpose as good and well equipped schools under the management of devoted Christian teachers, your Committee concludes that such schools are the God given means for the study of His Word.

We recommend that as far as possible we patronize Baptist schools.

W. V. MONROE, Chairman.

The report was spoken to by A. E. Burns and adopted.

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS.

Your Committee on Deceased Ministers would report the following:

After diligent inquiry and hearing the letters from the several churches we are delighted to report that none of the ministers of our Association have died since our last meeting of this body, for which we are very grateful to our Heavenly Father.

Realizing His protecting care in sparing the lives of our Ministers, we recommend that we return thanks to God for his great mercy to us another year. Respectfully Submitted,

J. I. DAVIS, Chairman

The report was adopted and business suspended and offered thanks to God for his wonderful Grace in preserving the lives of our Ministers for the past year.

The prayer was led by A. E. Burns.

R. T. Ewing, Chairman of Committee appointed last session to visit Pilgrim's Rest church and report to this session on a matter pending in that Church relative to S. E. Dykes, made a report for his Committee.

The Association after hearing a statement of the whole matter and considering the report in connection with a statement from Pilgrim's

Rest church through their letter declared Pilgrim's Rest church in full fellowship with this body.

The following report on nominations was submitted by L. A. McCarley, which was adopted:

Introductory Sermon to be preached by W. W. Grogan, W. V. Monroe, Alternate.

The Missionary Sermon by H. W. Roberts—Alternate, W. H. Stephens.

L. A. MCCARLEY, Chairman.

NEXT SESSION.

The next session was appointed to meet with Bethel church at Forney, Ala., on Tuesday before the first Sunday in October, 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m.

On motion the Association resolved to renew its connection with the State Board of Missions.

An appeal was made by W. F. Cromer for assistance for the Baptist church at Centre in an effort now being made to revive and repair that church and the Association responded in a liberal contribution for that purpose.

On motion the funds collected from the public on yesterday was ordered divided equally between the three mission boards.

The minutes were read, corrected and adopted.

J. K. Neyman was elected Treasurer and George D. Hanks Chairman of Executive Committee for ensuing year.

E. J. Webb and L. A. McCarley were elected to represent this Association in next session of the Alabama State Baptist Convention.

H. W. Roberts and J. W. Whorton were appointed a committee to arrange appointments for A. E. Burns, State Evangelist, in the bounds of this Association.

The following

REPORT ON FINANCE

was submitted by the Committee and adopted.

RECEIPTS.

By cash and vouchers received for	Home Missions,	\$ 1.20
“ “ “	State Missions,	6.11
“ “ “	Foreign Missions,	98.18
“ “ “	Public Collection,	10 24
By cash received for Minutes,	“ “ “	25.25

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid to A. E. Burns, State Evangelist, by order		
of the Association, for all the Boards,	\$110 35	
Paid to J. W. Whorton, Clerk, for Minutes,	25.25	
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	\$140.98	\$140.98

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. LINDSEY, CHAIRMAN.

On motion the Committee on finance was instructed to turn over to A. E. Burns all monies in their hands for the several missions.

DISTRICT MEETINGS.

The District meeting for the 3rd District will meet with Pisgah church, near Gnatville, on Friday before the 1st Sunday in Aug., 1898.

Introductory Sermon by J. T. Bartlett. Missionary Sermon by J. M. Smith.

W. W. SINGLETON, Moderator.

J. W. GENTRY, Clerk.

Committee on Documents reported the following:

We recommend the Alabama Baptist as our own State paper, The Christian Index, The Home and Foreign Mission Journals, and The

Baptist, published at Memphis, Tenn., and that the Brethren take and read them.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. H. Wood, Chairman.

The following committees to report next session were announced:.

Foreign Missions—W. W. Grogan, I. N. Hale and J. C. Cobb.

Home Missions—T. Blair, J. M. Smith and Wm Wester.

State Missions—R. T. Mission, J. C. Holden and Dock Hester.

Temperance—J. W. Whorton, W. H. Stephens and E. J. Webb.

Education—W. V. Monroe, W. A. Ashburn and A. O. Lindsey.

Revivals—W. H. Moon, L. A. McCarley and J. I. Davis.

Religious Literature—J. T. Bartlett, E. H. Lindsey, W. F. Cromer.

Sunday Schools—A. Pope, W. W. Singleton and John Ellis.

J. C. Holden introduced the following

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

which was unanimously adopted:

Be it Resolved that the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered to the Brethren and Sisters of Pisgah church and to the citizens of this community for the kind and generous hospitality shown us during this session.

After a mutual exchange of fraternal expressions of love and affection for each other, the brethren were led in prayer by J. R. Trotter, thus closing a very harmonious and profitable session, adjourning to meet with Bethel church at Forney, Alabama, on Tuesday before the 1st Sunday in October, 1898.

H. W. ROBERTS, Moderator.

J. W. WHORTON, Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

M. D. Keener, Centre, Ala.	J. T. Bartlett, Sandrock, Ala.
W. W. Singleton, " "	L. R. Wood, Exie, "
Thomas Blair, " "	W. H. Moon, Coloma, "
W. W. Grogan, " "	J. R. Trotter, Rock Run, "
A. Pope, Rock Run, " "	W. H. Stephens, " "
J. C. Holden, Reayes, " "	J. M. Smith, Bomar, "
H. S. Jones, Bid, " "	H. J. Goswick, Tecumseh, "
I. N. Hale, Sandrock, " "	Boyd A. Fleming, Exie, "
H. W. Roberts, Maple Grove, "	J. T. White, Spring Garden.
T. R. Hanson, Cave Springs, Ga.	

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. The Association must be composed of members chosen from the different churches in our Union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose, who, on producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats.

2. In the letters from the churches in our Union shall be expressed their numbers in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, restored and dead since the last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall be known by the name of the Cherokee County Baptist Association, and shall have no

power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any clerical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe upon any of the internal rights of any church or churches of the Union

4. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a proper rule of decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and a Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

6. New churches may be admitted into this Union, who shall petition by letter and delegates, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by this Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

7. Every church in this Union shall be entitled to three representatives in the Association.

8. No query shall come into the Association without first being debated in the churches from whence it came, when, if it still remains a difficulty with the church, it shall be received by the Association: such queries expected which concern our Union.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who gave it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of her proceedings, being furnished with money by the churches for that purpose.

11. The minutes of the Association shall be read (and corrected if need be) and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

12. Amendments to this form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Union when they deem it necessary.

13. The Association shall have power—1. To provide for the general union of the churches. 2. To preserve inviolate a chain of communication among the churches. 3. To give the churches advice in different cases. 4. To inquire why any church fails to represent herself at any time in the Association. 5. To appoint any member or members, by and with his or her consent, to transact any business they may deem necessary. 6. To withdraw from any church in this Union which shall violate the rules of this Association or deviate from the orthodox principles of government. 7. To adjourn themselves to such further time and place as they may think most convenient for the churches.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES

1. We believe in one only true and living God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and these three are one.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and are, therefore, the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election, and that God chose his people in Christ before the foundation of the world through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.

4. We believe the doctrine of original sin.

5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own ability.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the merits of Christ by imputation.

7. We believe the saints will persevere in grace and never finally fall away.

8. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the subjects, and that baptism is immersion.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and the general judgment.

10. We believe the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

11. We believe that no person has a right to the administration of the ordinances but those who are regularly baptized, called and come under the imposition of hands by a presbytery.

12. We believe that none but regularly baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's table.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall be opened by prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

3. The Moderator shall be deemed a judge of order and shall have the right to call to order at any time.

4. Any member not satisfied with his decision on any point of order may appeal to the Association on the same day, but at no other time.

5. But one person shall speak at a time, and he shall rise to his feet, and, on obtaining leave, proceed to speak, not exceeding fifteen minutes at any one time without leave of the Association.

6. The Moderator, when addressed for leave to speak, shall signify the same by naming him or otherwise.

7. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject in hand, or use words of personal reflection; and every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by him who made it.

8. Every case taken up by the Association shall be first decided on or withdrawn before others or offered.

9. When anything is taken up by the Association, after allowing time for debate, the Moderator shall take the question by yeas and nays.

10. The Moderator shall pronounce the decision of the body immediately after it is decided.

11. No person shall depart the service of the Association without leave.

12. The appellation of brother shall be used in our addresses to one another.

13. The names of the members shall be used as often as the Association may direct.

14. No member shall be allowed to indulge in any practice that has a tendency to interrupt in time of a public speech.

15. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided he appoints some other to his seat while he is speaking; but shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

16. Any member breaking this decorum shall be reproved at the discretion of the Association, but only on the day on which the breach is made.

17. All cases coming before the Association shall be decided by a majority of the members present, except the reception of churches into our Union, which shall be unanimous.

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES, CHEROKEE COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1897.

CHURCHES.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S P. O.	Membership Last Reported	Baptisms.	Received by Letter.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Ezraire.	Death.	Present Membership.	Officers and Teachers	Pupils.	Preaching Tab'ls.	Rept. Prayer Meet.	Reports Revival.	For Minutes.	For Missions.
Bethel	H. W. Roberts	G. R. Murdock	Forney, Ala.	140	5	4	2	22	1			128			2	1	1	1 50	15 57
Chalcedonia	J. M. Smith	W. M. Wats	*Bid, Ala.	62	27	5	5	5	2		1	91	4	40	4	1	1	2 00	3 95
Centre	.....	B. L. Stinson	Gentre, Ala.	21	1	10	9				4	19			1st-3d	1	1	50	6 01
Friendship, 2d dist.	T. R. Hanson	M. A. Hopper	Whorton, Ala.	108	5	6	2	11	1			106	6	70	3	1	1	2 00	10 00
Friendship, 3d dist.	J. T. Bartlett	S. H. M. Sims	Sandrock, Ala.	59	2	3	1	3	1		1	61			4		1	1 45	1 35
Liberty	W. Y. Adams	J. E. Roberts	Picant Gap, Ala.	109	2	2		5	1			104			3		1	1 50	2 45
Melrose	W. W. Grogan	J. R. Plunkett	Plano, Ala.	44	8	2	2	5				49			3			75	2 50
Mt. Zion	W. W. Grogan	T. F. Lewallen	Coloma, Ala.	63	5	9	1	12	3		2	61			3		1	20	4 50
Mt. Carmel	P. Wagnon	D. A. Robertson	Pall Play, Ala.					8				25			3			50	1 35
Mt. Willard	Del. with no letter	S. M. Scott	Tecumseh, Ala.	28								23			2				
Nazareth	T. R. Hanson	G. W. Lindsey	Forney, Ala.	67	5	17		3			4	82			1			1 50	1 10
New Bethel	James M. Smith	W. T. Holcomb	Key, Ala.	69	16	5	1	5			4	82			1		1	1 25	5 00
Pisgah	Thomas Blair	J. B. Collins	Allsup, Ala.	56	4	1	1			3		57			2			1 25	7 20
Pleasant Valley	J. C. Ragan	W. H. Wester	Centre, Ala.	14	4	4		1			2	13			4			25	
Pilgrim's Rest	J. R. Trotter	J. W. Stephens	Rock Run, Ala.	87	26	10	1	20	1		2	101			1	1	1	2 00	7 67
Philadelphia	J. T. White	B. H. Howell	Sping Gard'n, Ala.	69	8	6		5			4	74			2			85	1 40
Providence	E. M. Sowell	L. F. Daniel	Centre, Ala.			5	2	3				41			1		1	1 00	5 02
Pine Grove	W. W. Grogan	T. W. Summerhill	"	89	8	5	2	3	1		3	97			2		1	1 50	5 51
Rock Run	W. H. Stephens	J. H. Wood	Rock Run, Ala.	31	6	8	2	4	2			46			3		1	75	2 00
Sandy Creek	J. M. Smith	R. T. Ewing	Forney, Ala.	74	15	4	5	11	2			85			3		1	1 30	11 55
Tate's Chapel	V. A. Bell	W. F. Estes	Centre, Ala.	59	1	3		8		6		49			4			1 00	7 00
Unity	J. C. Holden		Reaves, Ala.	35		2		2				35			2			1 20	
Totals.	1284	147	108	19	149	14	9	32	1434	10	110	4	4	8	25 25	102 17

*L. T. Stone, Superintendent of Sunday School, Bid, Ala.

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Yours truly
Atty. Gen.

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